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| 3)⊠   | Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.  |  |                              |  |  |  |
| Dispositi   | on of Claims   |  |                              |  |  |  |
| 5)<br>6)<br>7)  | 4) Claim(s) is/are pending in the application. 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.  5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.  6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.  7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.  8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. |  |                              |  |  |  |
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| Priority u  | ınder 35 U.S.C. § 119  |  |                              |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of: <ol> <li>Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> <li>Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> </ol> </li> <li>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</li> </ul>  |  |  |                              |  |  |  |
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|   | e of References Cited (PTO-892)<br>e of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 4) Interview Summary Paper No(s)/Mail Da |                              |  |  |  |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

Supplemental declaration filed on 2-3-04 is defective. Supplemental declaration must be signed by inventors since this is a broadening issue, not by assignee.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gollamudi S Kishore, Ph.D whose telephone number is (571) 272-0598. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM- 4 PM, alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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